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- 1. CONFIDENTIAL (ENTIRE TEXT)
- 2. HEGNER, CHIEF OF POLITICAL DIVISION II OF POLITICAL DEPT, TOLD CHARGE JAN 31 THAT FEDERAL COUNCIL HAD APPROVED PROPOSED VISIT FEDERA LCOUNCILOR AUGERT TO WASHINGTON IN LATE MAY. ACTION INTENDED TO REAFFIRM CONFIDENCE IN TRAVEL BY AUBERT AFTER CONTROVERSY OVER AFRICAN VISIT. AUBERT MENTIONED FORTHCOMING US VISIT IN PRESS INTERVIEW THAT DAY.
- 3. SWISS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WILL SHORTLY BE INSTRUCTED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT. HEGNER ASKED CHARGE TO REQUEST DEPT TO DO WHAT IT CAN TO ACCOMMODATE SUCH VISIT EXPEDITIOUSLY.
- 4. WE URGE FACILITATION AUBERT VISIT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. IN THIS ELECTION YEAR, AUBERT IS ALREADY HAVING TROUBLE WITH HIS POLICY OF "OURVERTURE". IF HIS US VISIT IS NOT SUCCESSFFUL, THERE WILL BE MUCH "SCHADENFREUDE" IN THE HEARTS OF SWISS "ISOLATIONISTS". THIS WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO OUR OWN OBJECTIVES OF CONFIDENTIAL

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GREATER SWISS PARTICIPATION, BILATERAL COOPERATION, AND IN SOLUTION OF POL/MIL PROBLEMS. CROWLEY

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